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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO CONGRESS ON TURKEY

REF: STATE 18330

1. JANUARY 30 EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA WESTERN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AYDIN YEGEN AND GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO CONGRESS ON TURKEY. AFTER EMBOFF MADE PRESENTATION BASED ON TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REFTEL, YEGEN READ REPORT AND MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH HE SAID REPRESENTED HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION TO THE REPORT.

2. THE REPORT IS HELPFUL. IT SERVES NO CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE AND IT WILL PROVIDE ANTI-TURKISH PROPAGANDISTS WITH MATERIAL THAT CAN BE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND USED AGAINST TURKEY. YEGEN WAS PARTICULARLY UPSET BY THE FINAL PARAGRAPH ON CYPRUS WHICH QUOTED DIRECTLY FROM A GREEK CYPRIOT ALLEGATION THAT TURKISH TROOPS HAD ENGAGED IN LARGE-SCALE MURDER, RAPE, LOOTING AND INHUMAN TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN 1974. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S CONTENTION THAT THE MENTION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT ALLEGATION WAS BALANCED BY THE MENTION OF TURKISH COUNTER CLAIMS AS WELL AS THE MENTION OF THE FINAL DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, YEGEN POINTED OUT THAT THE EMOTIONALLY CHARGED WORDS OF GREEK CYPRIOT ALLEGATION WAS NOT MATCHED BY SIMILAR DETAILS FROM TURKISH COUNTER CHARGES. HE SPECIFICALLY
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NOTED THAT THE DEATH AND DISAPPEARANCE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED CIVILIAN TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN 1963-64 WAS MERELY REFERRED TO AS A CLAIM OF RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ON A MASSIVE SCALE.

3. AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES OF GIVE-AND-TAKE DURING WHICH EMBOFF AGAIN REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND POINTED OUT THAT REPORT ON TURKEY WAS ONLY ONE OF 109 SUCH REPORTS,

YEGEN REPEATED HIS CONCERN THAT REGARDLESS OF REASON FOR REPORT, IT WOULD BE MISUSED BY TURKEY'S DETRACTORS. YEGEN PREDICTED THAT AFTER HE HAD SHOWN REPORT TO HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE MFA, GOT WOULD HAVE FURTHER REACTIONS.

4. COMMENT: WE DELIBERATELY SELECTED YEGEN AS RECIPIENT OF REPORT HOPING THAT HIS BACKGROUND AS MINISTER OF THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, HIS RESULTANT KNOWLEDGE OF US GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM AND OF LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AND HIS PHLEGMATIC PERSONALITY WOULD BLUNT TURKISH REACTION. THIS APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE.
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